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CHANCE FOR ELECTRIC LINE

Capt. M. L. Belt is Working for Road From Here to Odessa.

PROPOSITION LOOKS GOOD

State Trust Company of St. Louis Willing to Construct Road for \$75,000 Bonus and Right-of-Way.

Lexington again seems to have an opportunity of getting a connection with the Chicago and Alton railroad at Odessa. The proposition this time is more promising than any that has been before put up to the people. When the last attempt was made there was no one energetic individual at the head of it and it was allowed to fizzle through innocuous desuetude.

Capt. M. L. Belt of Higginsville is now pushing the enterprise and, being a man of energy and influence, ought to be able to put it through. He first contemplated a line from Lexington to Warrensburg via Higginsville and took up the matter with the State Trust company of St. Louis.

He has made public the following letter from them, which is self-explanatory. State Trust Co.

St. Louis, March 10, 1909.

Mr. M. L. Belt,
Higginsville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Will state that in reference to the construction of an inter-urban electric line running from Lexington to Higginsville, while it may be a good proposition, it does not appeal to me as well as running the line to Odessa.

We are willing to undertake the construction of this road providing we receive a bonus of \$75,000 and the right-of-way from Odessa to Lexington.

This is conditioned, however, upon the facts being as represented by you, which will be determined by our engineer as soon as we receive assurances that this bonus will be given. It would be the ultimate intention to continue this road, but we would have to determine later where it would be to the best interest of all concerned. The bonus would not be payable until after the road was running.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) H. A. Vrooman,
Vice Pres.

Choir Rehearsal.

The first rehearsal of the chorus choir for the approaching Lenten services at the Methodist Church was held at the church Wednesday under the direction of Miss Pugh of Central college. If this preliminary rehearsal is to be taken as an index some good singing will be heard at these meetings during the next two weeks. There will be at least thirty or forty voices in the choir which will be composed of singers from all the churches of the city. A second rehearsal will be held at the church on Sunday afternoon. Songs of Praise No. 2 is the book used.

Mrs. Goodwin Buried.

The body of Mrs. Clifford B. Goodwin, who died in Roswell, N. M., Friday was brought to Lexington Sunday night. The remains were taken to the home of Mrs. Goodwin's father, Tilton Davis. The body was accompanied by L. W. and J. A. Davis, of Victor, Colorado, brothers; W. A. Downing of Marshall, Mrs. W. W. Robertson, who was with Mrs. Goodwin at the time of her death, and Clifford B. Goodwin, husband of the deceased. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Gratz Entertains.

Mrs. Izy Gratz entertained the ladies of the card club of which she is a member, their husbands and a few unmarried guests at her home on east South street. The party was marked by a high degree of informality and enjoyability. Dr. T. B. Ramsey and Mrs. J. W. Sydnor won the prizes. Elegant refreshments were served.

Rev. R. B. Briney went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the day.

Mrs. Charles Hofer went to Higginsville yesterday for a brief visit.

The Holy City.

One of the most valuable as well as satisfying musical entertainments ever presented in Lexington was the oratorio, "The Holy City," by A. R. Gaul, which was given in Murrell auditorium Tuesday evening by a chorus under the direction of Miss Mattie Lou Catron, the head of the vocal department of Central College. The theme, being religious throughout, was appropriate to the Lenten season. An audience which filled the entire lower floor was present; but there were vacant seats in the balcony, which should not have been. Still the audience was the second largest that ever paid to get into Murrell auditorium, and considering the fact that the Lexington public was comparatively unfamiliar with choral singing, was all that could have been reasonably expected. That the audience was delighted was evidenced by the applause and verbal expressions after the entertainment.

The chorus was undoubtedly the best ever assembled in this city. There were in it actually forty-nine voices all true and most of them of good quality. They had been drilled accurately and artistically by Miss Catron until the ensemble work was of a very high order. In the heavy numbers, particularly the chorus for double choir, Let the heavens rejoice, and the finale, Great and Marvellous are Thy Works, were given in inspiring fashion. There was not the least bit of uncertainty during the whole program, so thoroughly did Miss Catron have the work in hand.

To Miss Margaret Aull, the accompanist, belongs a large share of the credit. She played with sympathy, discretion and accuracy, and made it possible for the singers to do their best. No one but a most thorough musician could have done as well as Miss Aull.

In the accompaniments and the instrumental introduction and intermezzo the orchestra of six violins, a bass and organ under the leadership of Miss Martha Pilcher, added to the effect wonderfully.

The solo quartet came from Kansas City and was one of the features of the evening. Miss Alice Bradley, the soprano, made a most pleasing impression. Her voice is smooth, clear as a bell, abundantly strong, and she had such a delicate, refined and thoroughly feminine manner that she completely won the listeners. Her solo in the second part, These are They Which Came out of Great Tribulation, was one of the most favorably received numbers of the evening.

Miss Jessie Palmer, the contralto, had been ill during the greater part of the day; but one could never have told it by her singing in the evening. Her voice is round and deep and yet capable of taking high notes without the slightest effort. Her singing of the air, Eye Hath Not Seen, was beautiful.

Just now it is impossible to remember any tenor who ever sang in Lexington any better than Paul C. Baltz. He is a lyric tenor with a wonderful voice and fine musicianship. He sang two solos, My Soul is athirst for God and To the Lord our God.

Dr. Frank G. Banta, the baritone, has a magnificent voice, with power and range. His attack is sure and clear and his tones musical. He sang an air, A New Heaven and a New Earth, and a solo with the ladies' chorus.

Altogether the oratorio was pronounced a success and will long be talked of by those who heard it. Miss Catron is indeed to be congratulated and thanked for her great accomplishment.

After the program there was an informal reception in the parlors of the college. Coffee and sandwiches were served.

G. C. Schawe and T. W. Ludwig were in Kansas City Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard Henry and infant daughter, Virginia, went to Kansas City Wednesday for a brief stay.

Mrs. W. F. Borton returned to Lee's Summit Wednesday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hackler.

Miss Nancy Huston returned to her home in Kansas City Tuesday evening after a week's visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. Elmer Wulfeckler returned to her home in Leavenworth, Kan., Tuesday evening after a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. J. B. Cousley and little son, J. B., Jr., who have been visiting Mrs. Cousley's brother, J. M. Poage, in this city, left Wednesday for their home in Nevada.

CORDER ITEMS.

Dr. S. T. Mead of Nevada was visiting with friends in Corder this week. C. J. Pragman has improved considerably since last week's report. He is now able to be on the streets.

Willie Riley of Slater is visiting with his parents this week.

Rev. W. B. Cobb filled his regular pulpit here last Sunday.

Misses Katherine Neal and Lillie Gilkie were in this city Sunday.

Mrs. Edd Hammel and daughter, Christina, were shopping in Higginsville last Saturday.

Jess Jones returned to Corder last Sunday after a two weeks' stay in Kansas City.

Forest Wright was in Higginsville on business Monday.

Mrs. Kasper Kramer returned home Sunday evening after a two weeks' visit in Kansas City with relatives.

Guy Compton and family left Sunday for Collinsville, Mo., where they intend to make their future home.

Berry See returned home Saturday from Kirksville, where he was called to the bedside of his father.

Mrs. Dave Garnett was shopping in Higginsville Saturday.

Miss Lucile Martin was visiting with her sister of near Page City this week.

Dr. E. M. Moore and wife visited with his parents in Blue Springs several days during the past week.

Mrs. Hugh Crowder and son, Walter, returned to Corder Monday after an extended visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Walter Liese left Sunday evening for Denver, Colorado, where he will visit. He was joined in Kansas City by Orin Pence.

Miss Laura Helsler was shopping in Higginsville Tuesday.

Fred Morgan and wife attended the auto show in Kansas City Friday.

Storner Saunders transacted business in Concordia Tuesday.

Mrs. Everett Bassett was shopping in Higginsville Wednesday.

Miss Mable Corrin, who has been visiting in Marshall for some time returned home Tuesday evening.

Chas. Lewis, Jr., shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis market Tuesday.

Mrs. Hildebrand was in Higginsville visiting Tuesday.

James Riley has sold his place near town to C. H. Neiman, the owner of the brick and tile factory. Mr. Neiman will take possession about the first of June and will move the kilns to the land. This place makes a fine location for a brick yard as it is on the railroad and is near town also.

Misses Bernice Ham and Nannie Brown were shopping in Higginsville Friday evening.

A good sized crowd of young folks were in Alma Sunday evening.

Master Lawrence Armbruster spent Sunday with relatives in Odessa.

Lewis Greer and Willie See spent Sunday evening in Higginsville.

Earl Reynolds of Kansas City, accompanied by the following, Misses Pearl Willet, Marion Clark and Jack Dillan and Hosea Winer, spent Sunday with his parents in Corder.

Leon Lewis returned to his home in Kansas City after a visit with his parents, north of Corder.

Mrs. D. G. Jackson and little son, Daniel, spent Sunday near Alma.

Annie and Leona Kirby of Blackburn were the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Thompson, of this place a few days this week.

An Old Time Negro.

When Cap Galbraith died of old age Tuesday morning at four o'clock, one of the last of Lexington's old time darkies passed away. Cap was about eighty-three years old and came to Lexington with the family of Robert Young, to whom he belonged, in 1833. He later became the property of Dr. G. W. Young, and remained with Dr. Young until after the war. The Young family lived in the house on the southeast corner of Main and Sixteenth streets, and when the men of the family were away Cap had charge of the household. During the battle of Lexington he kept the family in the cellar and stood on guard.

At the close of the war, his master gave him a lot and built for him a house on north Eleventh street and it was in this that Cap lived until his death. He was buried Wednesday afternoon.

J. R. Moorehead spent Thursday in Kansas City.

MAYVIEW NOTES.

Miss Nettie Heidbrink is in Higginsville attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. E. Miners-Hagen, who is sick with pneumonia.

Tom Vivion, who made his home with Bert Taubman, was in Kansas City at the time of the fire. He lost all of his personal belongings.

Ed Filler returned from Kansas City last Thursday, where he has been on business.

C. W. Mitchell transacted business in Odessa last Thursday.

John Cobb of Odessa was here last Friday on business.

William Waddell of Lexington was here last Friday. He seemed to be in a good humor.

Prof. Homer Phillips came over from Concordia last Thursday evening and told us he was a candidate for County School Superintendent at the school election in April. We have known him long and well. He will surely make a good Superintendent if elected, being fully qualified and of an industrious turn. He would keep himself busy among the schools of the county to their betterment.

Mrs. Ellen Tracy of Slater visited with Mrs. Joe Simpson last Saturday.

Carroll Logston and wife of Marshall were the guests of their son-in-law, S. M. Greene, last Saturday.

T. D. Hammonds spent last Saturday in Higginsville.

W. P. Keith transacted business in Higginsville last Monday.

R. W. Douthitt made a business trip to Kansas City last Saturday.

Miss Talbert of Slater visited here with friends last week.

On last Saturday evening about 3 o'clock the elegant home of Bert Taubman caught fire and burned. The loss was total. Insurance on house was \$2,500 and the household goods \$1,000. It is thought the fire was caused by a defective flue. The shock to Mrs. Taubman caused a nervous breakdown. She is at the home of Jas. F. Smith, confined to the bed. Dr. C. A. Nickell attending her. The insurance does not near cover the loss. There were some household goods saved, but it is in a damaged condition.

Misses Pearl Riley and Della Code of Grand Pass are visiting with Mrs. Jennie Riley this week.

The ladies of the Christian church will serve lunch at the Roanoke sale next Wednesday, March 24th. Everyone take notice and be sure and get a healthy, large sandwich. It will even your conscience and help you bid—alright—alright.

Geo. Humphreys took a stroll with his gun last Monday to some pond and killed eight mallard. Since then he has eaten so much duck he is nearly to the "quack."

"Days of Old Manton."

This bright and amusing musical comedy is to be presented at the Opera House, Saturday, March 27, by local talent, for the benefit of Sterling Price, U. D. C.

Having made pledges for the Missouri State Monument at St. Louis, the chapter feels gratified to be able to offer this attraction at this time.

The authors of this attractive college comedy, Miss Margaret Aull and Captain D. A. Rueber, kindly offered to contribute, not only their talent and their time, but the entire proceeds for this benefit. To these two friends and all who are so ably assisting to make the entertainment a complete success, the Chapter feels greatly indebted in advance.

A rich treat is promised and a large and appreciative audience is even now assured.

Mrs. G. W. Hyde, Pres.
Mrs. J. M. Poage, Secy.

Owing to a conflict of arrangements the date of the play has been moved up to Saturday, March 27, from Friday, March 26, the original time set.

Mrs. F. L. Carter and son, Robert, returned from Kansas City Thursday evening.

S. P. Silver came in from Merced, Texas, Thursday evening for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Amelia Kriehn, daughter, Miss Katie, and Mrs. Ernest Kriehn were in Kansas City yesterday.

Dr. Claude Johnson was in Kansas City today on business.

Rev. G. M. Gibboud went to Sedalia yesterday for a short stay.

E. J. McGrew returned yesterday from a trip to Jefferson City.

Miss Irene Stramcke went to Kansas City yesterday for a brief stay.

Notice of School Election.

Whereas the City of Lexington is a city having a population exceeding two thousand inhabitants and not exceeding one hundred thousand inhabitants, and whereas the coming election for municipal officers of said city is by law required to be held at the same time as the annual school election in the school district of Lexington,

Notice is hereby given that at the annual school meeting in the School District of Lexington known as Lexington School District No. 2, in Township 51 of Range 27, in Lafayette County, Missouri, the voting places will be the same places as those selected in said city for voting at the election for municipal officers, that is in the First Ward at the lower room in the building owned by the Lexington Eagle Club in Block 51 of First Addition to the City of Lexington, in Lafayette County, Missouri, South of Broadway street at the Broadway street entrance and between Main Street and Third Street. In the Second Ward in the Police Court room in the City Hall of said City of Lexington at the corner of 10th Street and Franklin Avenue. In the Third Ward at the Drug Store of William Loomis between Eighteenth Street and Nineteenth Street on Franklin Avenue and situate in Block 11 in First Addition to the City of Lexington and in the Fourth Ward at the Old Town engine house on Twenty Third Street between South Street and Washington Street in the Original Town of Lexington and the voters in said School District voting upon the propositions submitted at the annual election residing in each of said Wards will vote at said voting places respectively.

The voters in that portion of territory of the said school district not included in the limits of said city will vote at such voting place or precinct as they would be attached to provided the ward lines of said city were extended and produced through said adjoining territory.

Said annual school meeting and election will be held on

TUESDAY THE 6th DAY OF APRIL 1909.

and there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said school district at said election and meeting the election of two school directors for said school district to hold office for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified and one school director for said school district to hold office for one year and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, and the election of a County School Superintendent.

In addition to the above, the Board of Directors of said school district has ordered an election to be held at the same time and places to determine the proposition of an increase in the rate of taxation necessary to be levied for school purposes from forty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation to eighty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation which proposition will be submitted to the qualified voters of said school district who are taxpayers voting at said school election.

The judges and clerks of such municipal election will act as judges and clerks of said school election, but the ballots of said school election will be upon separate pieces of paper and will be deposited in a separate ballot box kept for that purpose.

By order of the Board of Directors of said School District of Lexington, duly made and entered of record on the 3rd day of March, 1909.

Thomas J. Bandon,
Secretary and as such Clerk of said School District, This March 18th, 1909. 3-2012

Social Hop.

The social hop given Wednesday evening by the Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Father Mathew in Turner hall was a very enjoyable social function as well as a successful financial venture. The hall was well filled with dancers during the entire evening. At midnight the crowd adjourned to Barron and Sheets' restaurant for supper. Dancing was resumed shortly before one and lasted until two. Smith's orchestra furnished the music.

Miss Clarice Weyand went to Otterville Wednesday for an extended stay.

Oscar Westerman went to Wellington Tuesday evening for a several weeks' visit.

Wm. Palmer was in Kansas City Thursday.

THE COUNTY CONTEST

The Intelligencer Will Award Another Piano Saturday, April 3rd.

The county part of the INTELLIGENCER piano contest is rapidly drawing toward its close and the finish promises to be even more exciting than the city contest, which was won March 6th, by Miss Elizabeth Graves. Miss Ellen Martin of Higginsville and Miss Blanche Bardet of Wellington are the young ladies who remained in the race and they have been alternating in leading for the past two months. At present Miss Martin is ahead, having 189,000 votes to her opponent's 170,500; but Miss Bardet may overcome that lead today.

The offer of free votes this week is 20,000 for each \$20.00 turned in. Next week it will be 10,000. The final week it will be reduced to 18,000.

Recital By Misses Smith and Hughes.

The third joint graduating recital of the year took place at Murrell auditorium, Central college, Thursday evening when Miss Fannie Radcliffe Smith and Miss Clara George Hughes of the piano and expression departments respectively appeared before a very large audience for an entertainment of this nature. The young ladies acquitted themselves admirably and gave a program that was surprising in its general excellence.

Miss Smith is a piano player of much more than ordinary school-girl ability. She has strength, digital agility and a good sense of rhythm. She performs with an apparent absence of nervousness or self-consciousness. Her opening number was Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique. Before she had played eight measures the audience felt sure of her ability to take care of her part of the program. She executed the sonata beautifully in its entirety. Her second number consisted of Schubert's Impromptu, Op. 142, No. 3, and Seeling's Lorelei. Her last was the brilliant Polka de la Reine by Han, which raised the hearers to a high degree of enthusiasm.

Miss Hughes is one of the best readers in the college. She has good stage appearance, composure and the accomplishment of making herself heard without raising the voice noticeably. She gave first "The Death Disk" by Mark Twain, which gave her opportunity of arousing heart interest with innocent child talk, and in this she excels. Her second number consisted of Longfellow's Lady Wentworth and Poe's The Bells. The latter was given with a musical accompaniment by Miss Smith. The poem, already exquisite, was greatly enhanced by the beautiful musical setting and made probably the most popular number of the evening. Miss Hughes closed the program with "Abbie's Accounts" by Tudor Jenks—a humorous monologue.

Those from a distance who attended the recital were: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hughes, Lester Hughes, Mrs. Frank Commins, Worrell Roife, Blue Springs, Missouri; Mrs. B. F. Smith, Sherman Smith of Southwest City, Missouri; Miss Lula Harra, Buckner, Mo.; Miss Lillian Eichelberger, Speed, Mo.; Mrs. F. S. Zentmeyer, Higginsville.

Frank Howe was in Kansas City yesterday.

J. G. Worthington spent yesterday in Higginsville.

Mrs. Wm. Stonestreet spent yesterday in Kansas City.

George W. Kerdoff has sold for Mrs. Kate Bishop her house on Franklin avenue to W. P. Roach, consideration \$1,350.

Jacob Egert, Thomas Walton, W. S. Marrs and W. V. Curtis spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Miss Dixie Graddy visited in Kansas City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Riner spent Thursday in Napoleon.

Frank Stewart went to Buckner Thursday on business.

Mrs. B. L. Hughes of Higginsville visited relatives here Thursday.

Miss Arline Burden went to Kansas City Thursday for a brief stay.

Miss Bertie Slusher returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayless Steele of Kansas City spent Thursday here.

Dr. J. L. and L. G. Peak went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day.